



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Tsutomu Okada                    **Examiner:** Peter J. Vrettakos  
**Serial No:** 10/718,189                    **Art Unit:** 3739  
**Filed:** November 20, 2003                    **Docket:** 17272  
**For:** DIATHERMIC CUTTER                    **Dated:** March 3, 2006  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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Dated: March 3, 2006

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